



**DX bulletin 501**

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## **News**

### **IOTA Most wanted list expanded**

To help IOTA DXpeditioners decide which island groups are most needed and therefore potential candidates to visit, the Most Wanted List now shows these groups in country prefix order ([here](#)) as well as by reference number ([here](#)).

The columns show the percentages of record-holders with the group credited who have updated a) in the 5 years since February 2018, b) in the 10 years since February 2013, and c) All-Time in the Standard HF Category since they were licensed. The percentages reflect a number of variables, namely the date that the island group was added to the IOTA list, the dates, number and impact of past operations and the availability of QSL cards and QSO matching options. The extent that quite a large number of groups show higher figures in the 10 year list than in the 5 year one points (mainly but not entirely) to the length of time since the last activity and the likely interest in a new operation particularly among recent recruits to IOTA.

G3KMA and the IOTA Team, 15 March 2023

### **CY0S Sable Island –update March 22**

Team are aware of the FT8 issue regarding time synch. It appears one of the laptops refuses to keep time so they will swap it over soon. First log is uploaded. Pictures credit CY0S team.



### **VK9NT and VJ9N Norfolk Island –update March 22**

Team update that they hook into the internet via mobile phone network. There has been a network outage for 24 hours and have intermittent access via local wifi, but its unreliable and they don't know when it will be available. Logs not yet uploaded. Chris, VK3QB mentions they are on air now as much possible; through the middle of their day conditions are very depressed. Night time has been quite good on 40/20/17 so focusing there. Team aim to get on 15/12/10 more often. More news as it comes to hand and when the internet allows.



### **9X5RU Rwanda –update March 22**

Team report verticals for 80 and 160m now installed. Also beverages are ready and hope to start activity on those bands today.





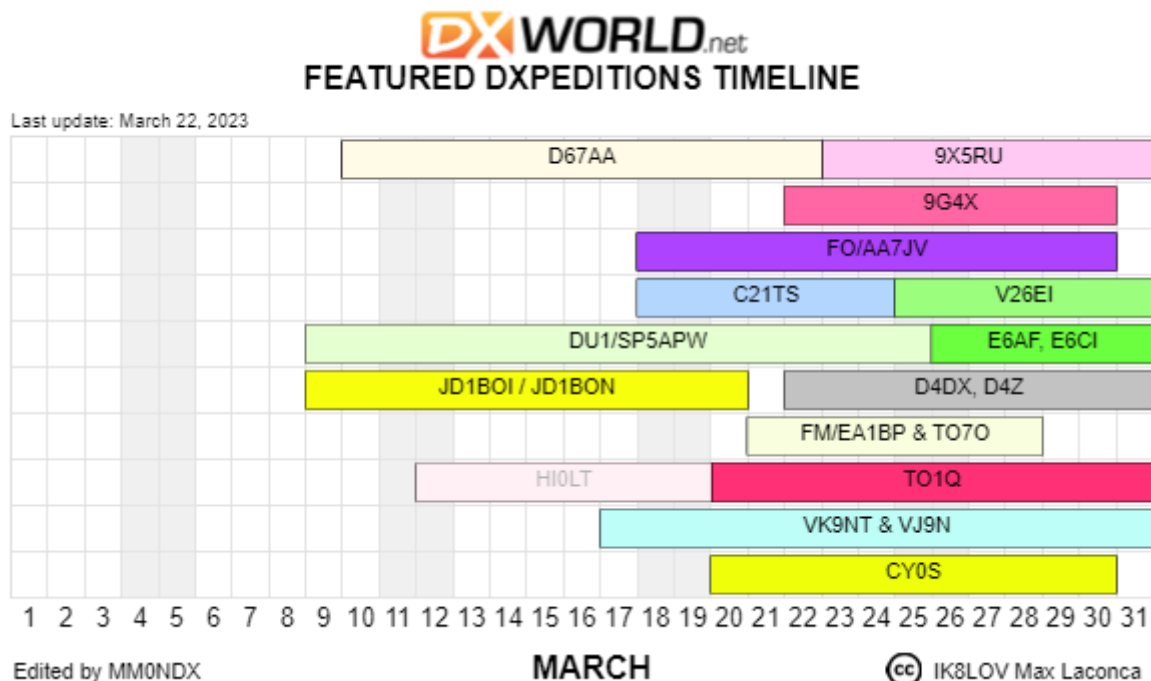
## 9G4X Rwanda –update March 23

Our 9-member 9G4X team is now assembled at the spacious Sankofa Beach House on the Atlantic coast south of Accra.

Unfortunately the 7 US team members' flight from JFK to Accra was delayed almost 2.5hours due to a maintenance issue with the plane (Delta). Frantic search for a missing bag at Accra, resulted in another lost hour as we had hoped to have at least two stations QRV on early Thursday a.m. (GMT). Waiting on us outside of security at the airport the team was met by our gracious host Haim, 9G5AF and Zeev, 4X5ZS who arrived in Ghana 2 days ago. <https://www.dx-world.net/9g4x-ghana/>



## DXCC timeline



# **DXCC**

## **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**3D2, FIJI** A year has passed since the passing of Zorro, JH1AJT. As a tribute, Dom 3Z9DX is running special event station 3D2AJT for the next 10 days. QRV on CW, SSB, FT8/FT4. QSL via Club Log.



**6W, SENEGAL** Willy, ON4AVT is once again QRV from Warang as 6W7/call. Activity until March 31. Operating from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Neville, G3RFS is active as 6Y5FS until end March. Activity on HF mainly using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS or LoTW.

**9G, GHANA** A large team with Gregg W6IZT, George N4GRN, Hal W8HC and others are active as 9G4X until March 30. The team operates 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter with a 4th station dedicated to 6m as well as a 5<sup>th</sup> station QRV on QO-100. QSL via K4NHW, OQRS and LoTW.

**9X, RWANDA** The Russian DX team with R7AL, R5EC, RW9JZ, R5AF, OK8AU, RT9L, R9LR and UA3QLC are active as 9X5RU until April 7. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**C6, BAHAMAS** Steven, KG4LJB is active as C6AJB until March 24. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8.

**CY0, SABLE ISL** A team with WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU is active as CY0S until March 30. <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/index.htm>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Emir, E77DX is active as D4DX until March 31. Operation from 160 to 6 meter. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included as D4Z. QSL for D4Z via QRZ.com, D4DX via E73Y, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Luca, HB9OBD is QRV from Santa Maria as D44KIT until April 4. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

**E6, NIUE** Janusz SP9FIH and Leszek SP6CIK will be active as E6AF and E6CI between March 26 and April 9. More to follow.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Luc, F1ULQ is again active as TO1Q until the first week of April. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas, F6HMQ and Michel, F6GWV are again active until March 26 as FG/calls. QSL via F6HMQ.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Look for FK4QX, FK4RD and FK8IK from Lifou island OC-033 as TX5L during March 27-31. QRV on HF bands. QSL via F4FTV.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP is once again QRV as FM/call until March 28. Operation on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

## On the scene...9X5RU Rwanda



**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** Active as both KH7Z/MM (6m grids across the Pacific) and AA7JV/MM (on low bands), George & Mike, KN4EEI are ARV until March 30. Active with three stations: 2 x 100W FT8-only remotely operated stations and a full power locally operated CW/SSB station that will be on the air from 160-10 meters. The remotely operated stations are on 80 to 6 meters. After FO/M, they will operate from the Tuamotu islands as FO/AA7JV, probably until April 5.

**H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity until May 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**HP, PANAMA** Phil, VA3QR is operating from Panama during the month of March. QRV on SSB and digi. QSL via home call. The callsigns used at various times of the month depending on location: HP1/VA3QR, HP3/VA3QR & HP8/VA3QR.

## Clipperton Island, FO0



**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again operating during his spare time until mid-May as call/JD1. Operation mainly using CW with some FT8.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Take, JA1UII is once again active as JD1BON until March 24. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.



**JD1, OGASAWARA** Koji, JI1LET is active from Chichijima as JD1BOI until March 24. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct only.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** John, KK9A will once again be active as PJ4/call between March 21 and March 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included as PJ4R. QSL via WD9DZV.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** John, W5JON will be QRV as PJ5/call during March 28 and April 4. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via direct or LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A is once again operating as PJ7AA until April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Bud, AA3B is once again operating as V26K until March 27. Focus on CW. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

### On the scene...V26K Antigua



**V2, ANTIGUA** Members of the EI DX Group will be active as V26EI between March 24 and April 2. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes with 4 stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Bob, N4RF is operating as V4/call until April 1. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ and Patrick VK2PN, along with guest operators Matt K0BBC and Tom VK3FTOM are active as VK9NT until March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 and "some basic 6m" with up to three stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

**VK9W, WILLIS ISL** Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Thaire, W2APF is once again QRV as VP2MDX until March 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Look for the EIDX group as VP2MEI until April 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** Chris, VK2YUS is once again active as YJ0CA until March 28. Operation with a vertical and dipoles on various bands. QSL via home call.

**Z8, SOUTH SUDAN** Diya, YI1DZ is once again active as Z81D until April 23. QSL via OM3JW.

## Coming up soon

**FH, MAYOTTE ISL** Dom, F4IFF will be active as FH/call between April 1-9. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX. More to follow.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** John, W0UV will be operating as VP5/call between April 4 and April 11. Activity on HF using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

# IOTA

## **This week on air**

### **ASIA**

**AS-015 Penang Isl** Rich, PA0RRS is active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS- 015), West Malaysia until March 29. He operates CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via PA0RRS.

**AS-200 Shodo Isl** Take, JS6RRR (also JI3DST/5, JJ5RBH/5 & JR8YLY/5) will be active from March 25 until April 5. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, FM, RTTY, JT65 using various calls above on different modes. QSL via QRZ.com info.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

#### **Mexican IOTA tour by XE2AA**

**NA-045 Mujeres Isl** XF3M April 17-22

**NA-045 Holbox Isl** XF3H April 24-29

**NA-090 Cozumel Isl** XF3O April 9-15

**NA-135 Carmen Isl** XF2C March 24-31

**NA-200 Tamalcab Isl** XF3A April 2-7

Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via IT9EJW direct.

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VK3KTB is once again active as VY0ERC until April 12. Operation during his spare time as the main purpose of his trip is work related at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL).

## **Coming up soon**

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-072 Contadora Isl** Nuria EA3WL (H31W) and Josep EA3BT (H31B) will be active during April 3-8. Operation in 'holiday-style' mainly in the afternoon and night from 40 to 6 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**8Q, MALDIVES** Kasimir, DL2SBY will be operating from Mushimas Migili between April 27 and May 7. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL2SBY, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**E5, SOUTH COOK ISL** Janusz SP9FIH and Leszek SP6CIK will be operating as E51CIK and E51WEG between April 13 and April 28. QRV from 40 to 10 meter. <http://e5.dxpedititions.org/>

**FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL** The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton

Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxq.net/>

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from Koror. Operation between April 14 and April 20. Operation on CW, SSB and digi. QSL via bureau or direct, LoTW.

### **South Cook Islands, E5**



## **THE REMINDERS**

### **Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH**

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

**KH2, GUAM** September 16-30 as KH2/call

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** October 3-15 (call pending)

**V6, MICRONESIA** October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**3A, MONACO** Ennio, IW1RBI and others will be active as 3A/call during April 20-23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and CW. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**4U, ITU GENEVA** A team with ON5UR, ON6AJ, ON8AZ and RW3AH will be operating as 4U100Q0 during May 18-20. This is the first time that there will take a QO100 activation take place. Also active as 4U1A.

**5X, UGANDA** Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as 5X2I from April 24 until May 10. Activity from 40 to 10 meter at the shore of lake Victoria. Modes are CW, FT8 and some SSB. OQRS <https://ha5ao.com/#>

**6Y, JAMAICA** Will, KC8WVG will be active as call/6Y between April 19-23. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active from the Cocoon Maldives Resort, Ookolhufinolhu, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7VJ. Dates not yet known, but the license (issued by Communications Authority of Maldives) stipulates the period May 20 to August 8. More to follow.

**9M0, SPRATLY ISL** DX0NE is valid for a Dxpedition to Kalayaan, Spratly Islands sometime within the first 6 months of 2023. Team will be with Mike DU1XX, Jong DU3JA, Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT. No specific date(s) yet set for the expedition. License was issued to Gil, 4F2KWT.

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.



**9X, RWANDA** Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW starting from May 23 for 3 weeks. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

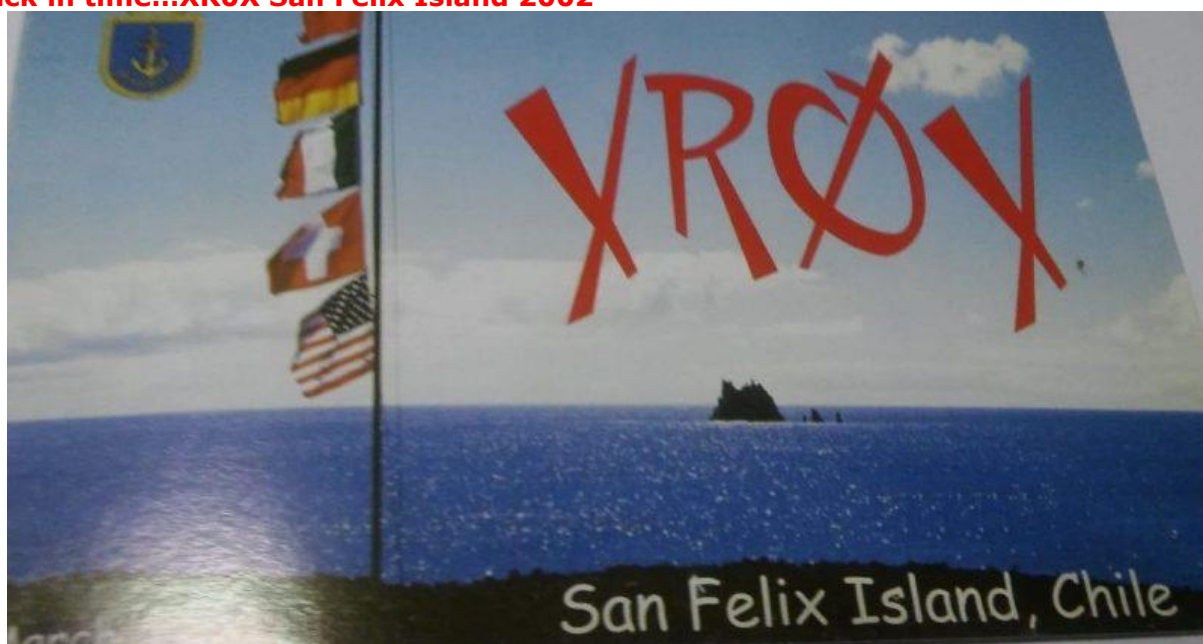
**EA6, BALEARIC ISL** Philippe, EA4NF will be operating on satellite as EA6/EA4NF from April 5 to 8. Portable activation with a FT818ND and a FT817ND operating in full Duplex with an Alaskan Arrow Antenna and also handheld + whip antenna. QSL via LoTW. Keep an eye on Philippe's Twitter feed for further updates : @EA4NF\_SAT

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active from Hiva Oa Island (call pending) during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via EA5GL or Club Log OQRS.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

### Back in time...XR0X San Felix Island 2002



**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between October 31 and November 14. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 DXpedition – Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](#)

**HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL** Look for HK0/PY7RP, HK0/PY7XC and HK0/PY8WW during May 4-11. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Focus on the higher bands with 6 meter included. QSL via home calls, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

**KH8, SWAINS ISL** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** Stian LB5SH, Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA and Kristoffer LB0VG will be active OJ0/calls between May 20 and May 27. Operation with 2 stations from 80 to 4 meter using CW, SSB and digital.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as

PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**PJ6, SABA** PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

**T8, PALAU** Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

**V3, BELIZE** Art, NN7A will once again be QRV as V31JZ/P between April 17-23. Operation on HF. QSL via Club Log or direct via home call

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

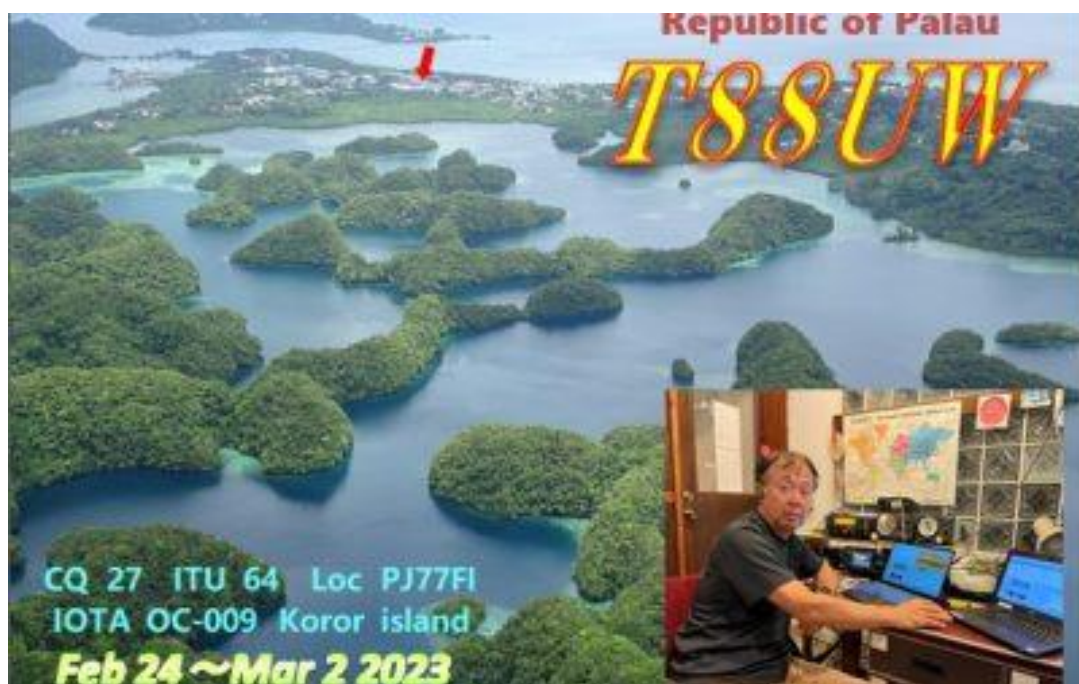
**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Seth, KD9TAW will be operating as VP2V/call from Tortola between April 18 and April 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**XU, CAMBODIA** This Dxpediton had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lrsf.lv/lrsf/index.html>

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

**YJ, VANUATU** A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>



## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-008 Isle of Tiree**

**EU-108 Treshnish Isl**

On May 26th – after picking up Emil DL8JJ and Nobby G0VJG from the airport and dropping them off at their departure point for [MM0UKI Rockall EU-189 DXpedition](#) – Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will then head back to Glasgow airport and take a flight to the Isle of Tiree EU-008 and be QRV as MS0INT until May 29th. Activity on higher bands (17-6m) using monoband vertical



dipoles and a portable 6m quad. QSL via LoTW.

*'There is a small chance they may try activate the neighbouring Treshnish Islands EU-108 for a few hours but this will depend on weather and will very much be a decision made on the day (possibly May 28th). Will update..'*

### **Isle Of Tiree, EU-008**



## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-023 Amami-O Isl** Kenji, JA4GXS will once again be operating as call/6 during May 6-8. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

**AS-153 West Bengal** A group of VU operators will activate from one of those islands on April 18. More details coming soon.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-125 Fano Isl** A Belgian IOTA team will be active as 5P5FI between April 22 and April 29. More to follow.

**EU-189 Isle of Rockall** The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-067 Huahine Isl** Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl** Huzen, YE3BYE/P will be QRV between May 15 and May 21. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

## **Antarctic Base**

**Davis Base** Look for Allan, VK0AW to be active from Davis Station, Antarctica. He aims to be QRV using simple wire antennas and a Barrett commercial transceiver (400w). Allan's line of work is IT, and it should be noted he is a brand new radio amateur; please be patient with him in pileups. QSL via EB7DX who will handle LoTW, Club Log OQRS duties. Allan will be there for until February 2024.

**Mawson Station** Allan, VK0AW is based at Mawson Station (not Davis Station), Antarctica until February 2024. He is new to the amateur bands, and still inexperienced in pile-up technique. QSL via EB7DX and LoTW.

### **On the scene...FO/AA7JV Marquesas Island**



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**3A, MONACO 3A8AB** is a special callsign for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first radio link in short wave telegraphy between France and the USA by F8AB Léon Deloy, French radio amateur, from Nice, and the American U1MO Fred Schnell in Hartford (Connecticut) on November 27, 1923. Léon Deloy, born on February 4, 1894, died in Monaco, where he resided, on January 21, 1969. He bequeathed his fortune to a charitable foundation in Monaco. Activity with this callsign expected throughout month of April. QSL via LoTW.

**4Z, ISRAEL** The special event station **4X0AA** draws attention to the World Autism Awareness Week from March 25 until April 2. QSL via W2TMR (d), LoTW, qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (28 March 1923), a large number of



special callsigns will be active from 20 March to 20 June: **II0AQN, II0BPL, II0CMP, II0FRO, II0GUI, II0LAT, II0MVB, II0PDM, II0RMC, II1CAM, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3GOR, II3IST, II4PNF, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR, IY1TO**. The activity is organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) in collaboration with the Air Force General Staff; each call-sign represents a place that had or still has significant importance in the ITAAF history. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** To celebrate World Amateur Radio Day, the UBA (<https://www.uba.be>) will activate the special callsign **OT23WARD** throughout the month of April. A commemorative award will be available for working the station in five different band/mode slots. See QRZ.com or the UBA website for more details.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) will participate during the Museum Ship Weekend this year from the former minesweeper Abraham Crijnsen, which is moored on the Navy Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. The special call sign **PA37AC** will be used. The MSW will be held from Saturday, June 3, 00:00 GMT to Sunday, June 4, 11:59 p.m. GMT. Other participants and further information can be found on the website

<https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>

The MARAC will soon issue an award, dedicated to the special history of the Abraham Crijnsen. More information will be soon available on the MARAC website, see <http://www.marac-radio.nl/>

## **THE REMINDERS**

**5H, TANZANIA 5H100TC** is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA 9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** On the occasion of the Kuwait national and liberation day, the callsign **A60KWT** will be activated by the EARS radio club and A60KWT/0 through A60KWT/14 by individual operators. QSL info for each station on QRZ.com. (TNX DXNL)

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** The national ham organisation EARS runs the special event station A60AP with additional designators /0 to /15 to mark their country's astronaut programme:

<b>A60AP/0</b>	Op. A61Y	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/1</b>	Op. A61M	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/2</b>	Op. A61Q	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/3</b>	Op. A61FK	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/4</b>	Op. A61BK	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/5</b>	Op. A61DD	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/6</b>	Op. A61QQ	QSL: A61BK
<b>A60AP/7</b>	Op. A61AY	QSL: DIRECT
<b>A60AP/8</b>	Op. A65GC	QSL: DIRECT
<b>A60AP/9</b>	Op. A61ZX	QSL: IZ8CLM
<b>A60AP/10</b>	Op. A65BR	QSL: DIRECT
<b>A60AP/11</b>	Op. A61NN	QSL: EA7FTR
<b>A60AP/12</b>	Op. A65GD	QSL: Direct
<b>A60AP/13</b>	Op. A65GJ	QSL: Direct
<b>A60AP/14</b>	Op. A61FJ	QSL: LZ1YE
<b>A60AP/15</b>	Op. A61DI	QSL: EA7FTR

They remain active until the end of August. (TNX DXNL) For more information see:

[https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut\\_prog/](https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut_prog/)

**DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary until September 30, 2023. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June 2023. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** The Radio Club de Henares operates the special event station **AO25AH** during March to draw attention to the Spanish Amateur Radio Historical Archive EA4DO, established in 1998. (TNX DXNL)

**EA, SPAIN** Look for **EG4IF, EG1GURU, EG2GURU, EG3GURU, EG4GURU, EG5GURU** and **EG7GURU** to be QRV from various SOTA locations during March. This activity is a tribute to Jose-Antonio Gurutzarri "Guru" Jauregi (EA2IF), an outstanding personality of the Summits On The Air programme, who passed away on 11 March 2022. QSL cards will not be provided. (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND GB75MM** draws attention to the first Morris Minor car production 75 years ago. It was the first automobile brand in Great Britain produced in the millions. QRV until March 28. QSL via GB75MM (d/B) or via G0AIH (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**GI, NORTHERN IRELAND GB1PAT** and **GB2PAT** are the special callsigns for members of the Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club (MN0GKL) to use on 1-28 March to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. QSLs via LoTW only. Three certificates will be available for making contact with both callsigns on different bands, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/GB1PAT>. (TNX 425DX)

**HH, HAITI** Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of RaBdio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N2OO. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Novara will be active as **II1CAI** from 15 February to 30 June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza ([www.arifidenza.it](http://www.arifidenza.it)) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

March: **II4ANC**; ANCONA: radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall) (1904)

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENOVA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com). An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

**LA, NORWAY LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ319TS** (February), **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rc/713> (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ ([pd5enj@msn.com](mailto:pd5enj@msn.com)). (TNX DXNL)

**SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>.



QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE** The Greek section of the international 5th Ocean Club organises an operating event during the second half of March around the special event callsign **SX41D**. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VR, HONG KONG** In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

**VU, INDIA** The special event station **AT2G20** operates from March 3 until June 2 in the context of the G20 summit to be held in India in September 2023. QSL via VU2UUU (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**VU, INDIA** A group of testers from India will activate special call **AT3K** (Alpha Tango 3 Kilo) during CQ WPX contest this year. Group is lead by seasoned tester VU2XE Kiran with VU2YYF Sid (Ex VU3NXI) and VU2IBI Kash as co leaders. Other operators who are going to join this contest are VU2DED Ajay, VU2AE Srivats, VU3SPD Speed, VU3DMP Chetz, VU2MUD Madhu, VU2SBJ Sri, VU2BQN Manu and VU2JIX Prakash. This will be team's first multi multi operation from a modular station concept designed and built by Center for Systems Designs (CSD) at NITK (National Institute of Technology Karnataka). Entire station project is developed under NITK's social outreach program called SEARCH aiming for advanced studies and application of technology during disaster relief including VHF and HF long range communications, Satellites, Weather research, application of AI models, autonomous vehicle rescue systems and early warnings etc.

**XE, MEXICO** Special callsign **4B0T** will be used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4B0T will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

**YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT** is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)